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Attention: Mr. Shawn Musgrave

Subj: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ2012F0230

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request of July 20, 2012 in which you sought records pertaining to contracts relating to drones. Your request was received by Headquarters Marine Corps FOIA office on July 23, 2012 in which they assigned this tracking number USMC-HQ2012F070680. Your request was determined to fall under the purview of this command which we received your request on September 5, 2012.

We have categorized you as a "News Media Requester" for the purpose of assessing FOIA processing fees. As such, you are entitled records at the cost of reproduction alone (excluding charges for the first 100 pages). In this instance, since your search and/or duplication fees were less than your free entitlement, there is no charge for the processing of your request.

A search was conducted by our Regional Contracting office, where an contracting officer searched using the search criteria of "drone". No documents were found and as such the other portions of your request do not exist.

Because there were no documents responsive to your request, are advised of your right to appeal this determination, in writing, to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5066.

Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted should be included and the enclosed copy of this letter attached. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any question concerning the processing of your request, please contact Mrs. Julie Drake MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ at (910) 451-4452.

Sincerely,



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Adjutant
By direction of the
Commanding General

July 20, 2012
Marines
FOIA/PA Manager (Code ARSF)
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS (ARSF)
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20380-1775

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

1. any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter "drones");
2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on department use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. any departmental records concerning this department's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
 - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;
 - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
 - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
 - d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Drone Watch

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